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report on

the VEB Zementanlagenbau (formerly Polysius) Dessau

1. The VEB Zementanlagenbau Dessau is subordinate to the VVB Schwermaschinenbau, Magdeburg. The Dessau enterprise is the major plant (Leitbetrieb) of the VVB in the production of cement factories; the second in importance is the Thaelmannwerk Magdeburg.

2. As of April 1959, the work force of the enterprise totaled approximately 3,500, of which about 15% were women. A break-down into specific categories of work is given

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3. Organization

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a. Administration:

Director: Franz Abendroth (SED)
Tech. Dir: Suendermann (fnu)(no party affiliation)
Sales Dir: Koehler (fnu)(SED)
Prod. Dir: Lehmann (fnu)(SED)
Work Dir: Kleinfeld (fnu)(SED)
Head Bookkeeper: Kindermann (fnu)(SED)
Haupttechnologe: Hans Brennecke (no party affiliation)
Head Mechanic: Neubert (fnu)(SED)
Head Draftsman: Kondor (fnu)(no party affiliation)

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b. The drafting bureau (Konstruktionsbuero) and the accounting and wage offices are located in the so-called old plant; all other departments, including the production department, are in the so-called new plant. Names of leading officials of the departments in the new plant are given.

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- c. The production departments are subdivided into Mechanical Workshops I and II and 5 production areas (Produktionsbereiche). [redacted] various sections under each of the production areas and the names of some of the 50X1-HUM officials.

4. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
5. Investments. Since the capacity of the plant is not to be expanded, direct investments for 1959 include only 1 trimming press (Abkantpresse) and 1 guillotine shears (Schlagschere) 16/2400. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

6. Production Program and Plan

- a. The production program included the manufacture of complete cement installations, replacement machinery of all types, and consumer goods.
- b. The 1958 production plan was about 72,000,000 DME; this amount included production by the enterprise itself plus deliveries from many cooperating enterprises. As of 31 December 1958 it was determined that the Zementanlagenbau Dessau had realized its production plan, insofar as its own production was concerned.
- c. The 1959 production plan is 74,000,000 DME, of which 1,000,000 DME is for consumer goods.

7. Long-Range Planning

As of 1960, a number of enterprises capable of high production are to be transferred from the General Machine Construction and Heavy Machine Construction authorities to become Central Enterprises for Chemical Equipment (Zentralbetriebe fuer chemische Ausruestungen). Two enterprises from the VVB Schwermaschinenbau and two from the VVB Elektromotorenbau are to be so transferred. The enterprises of the VVB Schwermaschinenbau are the VEB Zementanlagenbau Dessau and the VEB Maschenenfabrik Halle. Further details on the work to be handled by Dessau in this new position are given.

8. Sales

- a. Export. Up to 1965, the following orders are to be exported:
- Complete cement factories: 4 to the USSR, 3 to Communist China [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- Enlargement of existing cement factory: 1 in Poland
- b. Domestic: 1 complete cement factory (location not given).
- c. Dessau is encountering many difficulties, both in parts deliveries and in the redesigning of installations. Cement factories for the USSR, Communist China, Bulgaria [redacted] as well as for an East German cement factory at Ruedersdorf, are concerned. 50X1-HUM

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- d. Arrears in Exports. As of 30 June 1958, the enterprise was 22,000,000 DME in arrears in exports; the amount included 6,000,000 DME worth of its own production and the balance from cooperative deliveries. As of 31 December 1958, the arrears in its own production had been made up, and the amount from cooperative deliveries reduced to three to four million DME, to be carried over into the new year.
9. Production Difficulties. The various types of production difficulties are discussed briefly.
10. Plan Realization. The 1958 Finance Plan was 96% realized; there were approximately 60,000 hours' ~~idle time (Wartestunden)~~ and ~~approximately~~ 112,000 hours overtime. In the first quarter of 1959, the production plan was only 60% realized; in February, it was 116% realized; the February over-production, however, was not adequate to compensate for January and efforts were made in March to realize the quarter plan quota.
11. Economic Conferences and Production Meetings. There were two economic conferences held in 1958, one concerning the realization of the 1958 Half-Year Plan and the other, the realization of the 1958 Year Plan. The general theme of the production meetings was the introduction of the Seifert Method.
12. Work Productivity. During 1958, work productivity was supposed to have increased 14%; actually, however, an increase of 6.4% was attained. In 1959, an 11% increase is supposed to be reached, with the implementation of the Seifert Method. There is opposition to the Seifert Method on the part of both workers and management. Nevertheless, the carrying out of the Method is Priority Task No. 1 for the 1959 Plan Year. Furthermore, along with this Method is the introduction of the Mamai Method, which involves the scheduling of the production plan by month, day, shift, and hour.

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